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No More Appeasement, Say Thomas, Reuther at UAW Meeting in Columbus

Gosser Cancels Meeting

Regional Director Richard Gosser has canceled the regional conference scheduled for Fostoria May 15 because of the area war conference which was held in Columbus May 7. The next regional conference will be held in Fostoria July 17.

In place of the conference, Director Gosser has submitted a summary of the activities of the regional staff for the past several months.

Organizational Activities

Following is a list of the plants organized: Steiner Bros. and Shook Foundry, Lima, Ohio; Wapakoneta Machine Co., Wapakoneta; National Seal Co., Van Wert, organized by International Representative Howard Seren, who is in charge of the Lima district.

In addition to his organizational work, Representative Seren aided in the organizational drive at the Lima Locomotive Works, negotiated the contract at the Ohio Steel Foundry at St. Marys, and a contract with the Delphos Bending Co., Delphos. He also handled service in the Lima district.

Many Contracts Negotiated

Contracts were negotiated with the following plants by Robert Burkart: American Propeller Co., Ness Plastics Mould. In addition to the contract negotiations, Representative Burkart completed briefs on both these plants for the War Labor Board, assisted in organizing Kent-Owens Co., assisted in negotiations at the Pilliod Cabinet Co., Swanton, Ohio, and Square Deal Body Co., Delta; negotiated wages at Toledo Machine and Tool Co. and prepared a brief for the War Labor Board. Mr. Burkart serviced Locals 11, 27, 16 and 48 and was liason for the War Policy Division of the UAW and Region 2B. He was in arbitration at the American Swiss Co., involving the case of placing women on men's jobs at lowered rates of pay. Mr. Burkart wrote a number of articles for various CIO publications.

Completes Many Negotiations

Representative Orville Beemer aided negotiations at the following plants: Pilliod Cabinet, Square Deal Body Co., Universal Cooler and Isly's Dairy, Marion, Ohio. At the present time, Representative Beemr is in negotiations with the Farrel Creek Foundry, Sandusky, and Standard Products Co. at Port Clinton.

Following are the firms serviced by Representative Beemer: Herbrand Forge, Crescent Mfg. Co. and Henkel Clauss, all of Fremont; Auto-Lite Foundry and Seneca Wire Co., Fostoria, and the Bellevue Mfg. Co., Bellevue.

Additional work in which Rep-

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Spicer Guards Armed

Guards at the Spicer Mfg. Co., were supplied with side arms May 11, on orders from the Army Ordnance Dept., despite the fact that many of the men have never had any experience or training in the handling of firearms.

H. B. 193 Threatens Unions

Special to The Toledo Union Journal

COLUMBUS, O., May 10.—Two Ohio substitutes offered to replace House Bill 193 to "regulate" labor unions in Ohio, the second of which its supporters claim meets with organized labor's approval, were labeled by Ted Silvey, CIO state secretary, as "the same bill."

The bill would compel all Ohio unions to register, to furnish financial statements, prohibits unions from charging work fees in excess of regular union dues and makes it possible to raid union treasuries.

According to state union leaders, the second substitute is even worse than the original bill, which labor fought in committee hearings.

The subcommittee of the Ohio House of Representatives judiciary committee has reported favorably on the substitute bill which will soon be in the House for debate and vote.

According to Ohio labor leaders, there is grave danger that this bill will pass the House and labor in Ohio will become one of the first major industrial states to have the same repressive measures placed upon it which have previously been adopted only in agricultural and southern states.

UAW Asks For Vacation Gasoline

DETROIT, May 10.—Victor G. Reuther, assistant director of the war policy division, UAW-CIO, has asked the Office of Price Administration for issuance of special gasoline ration coupons for workers to take "vacation furloughs."

Reuther urged Prentiss Brown, OPA administrator, to grant the gasoline in order to permit war workers on bona fide vacations the opportunity to get away from the crowded industrial centers in order to fish or take suitable vacations. He told the OPA head that the mileage should be limited to 500 miles and that the issuance of the vacation coupons could be handled efficiently and impartially through the OPA factory management committees.

The request was made to the OPA head because of the statement of the heads of various war agencies urging industry to grant vacations with pay to their workers this year, and stressing the important effect which such vacation furloughs have on building labor morale and stimulating increased production.

OPA Price Rollback Is Angering Congress

WASHINGTON, May 10—(FP)—Labor's insistence that the cost of living be brought down to earth may be answered by Office of Price Administration plans now being completed for a $8,000,000 subsidy program through which OPA expects to carry out President Roosevelt's April 8 order, calling for a rollback in prices.

The only fly in the ointment is word which comes that a number of members of congress are reported as being very angry with the administration's proposal to subsidize the rollback and that efforts will be made in congress to prevent the use of Reconstruction Finance Corporation funs for the purpose.

Rollback to Be Subsidized

Under the plan advanced by the OPA, there will be (1) a 10 per cent rollback on meats, butter and coffee (2) Rollbacks ranging from 25 to 50 per cent on sky-high prices of fresh vegetables, and (3) A revitalized enforcement program, using professional, volunteer inspectors and housewives to police price ceilings at producer, wholesale and retail levels.

Price reductions on meat, butter and coffee will be accomplished by payment of subsidies to wholesalers and packers promised by the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

Lowered meat prices will go into effect by June 1, OPA officials say, but in the meantime meats will be placed under dollar and cents ceilings May 17.

September 1942 Prices

Prompt execution of the program will result in a 3 per cent cut in food prices, thus bringing the cost of living back to the Sept. 15, 1942, level as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics index, OPA believes. This index, however, does not recognize hidden price rises, such as those caused by lowered quality, and black market operations.

This is The Navy, Mr. Jones

Lest you think the Navy just mans big guns, this picture shows Navy recruits being taught the manual of arms. Navy men are proficient in the use of small arms as well as large guns. (Navy photo).

Toledo Union Journal Not a Newspaper

Is Refused Paper Sales Tax Exemption

Readers of the Toledo Union Journal are surprised to learn that the labor paper they have been reading for the past six months is not a newspaper according to a legal opinion advanced by no less an authority than attorneys for the Ohio Sales Tax Division in Columbus.

Decision of the Sales Tax attorneys came as a result of the newspaper's application for tax exemption in which the paper claimed it was a newspaper, that the paper was printed for resale, and that the publication was being mailed urder second class postoffice department permit.

Not Deemed a Newspaper

In its reply to the application of the Newspaper for tax exemption, the application was denied on the grounds that the Toledo Union Journal "is not deemed a newspaper because it appeals to a special class and is not resorted to for intelligence by the public on general news."

Given to Attorneys

Following the opinion of the state attorneys, the case was turned over to Attorney Edward Lamb for further action; but up to the present, no reply has been made to the attorney's request to the state for more information relative to the ruling. The application was first made by the Toledo Union Journal on February 6 and has been dragging ever since the reply of the state expressing the opinion that the Journal was not a newspaper.

Ollie Pecord, managing editor of the Toledo Union Journal, charged the Sales Tax Divisior with discrimination. "It is funny that the Union Leader, Eastern Star and a number of other special newspapers and periodicals are not charged with sales tax. We certainly do not appeal to any special class and the general public can read our paper for news of general interest and get it a lot straighter than in many other general newspapers," said Pecord.

"It's nothing but discrimination," continued Pecord, "and just more evidence of the type of people who are running the state. Personally, I don't think the state can make this opinion stand up and we are going to make every effort to reverse this decision."

Readers Indignant

More than 30,000 readers of the Toledo Union Journal are indignant because of the discrimination leveled against their paper. More than 28,000 members of Local 12 subscribe to the paper and feel that the discrimination directed against their paper is also directed against them.

NLRB Hearing For Tank Depot Set

Word has been received by Local 12, UAW-CIO, that a NLRB hearing will be held in Toledo, May 24, on the petition of the Tank Depot for an election to determine the proper bargaining agent for the employes.

Organizational work started at Tank Depot early last fall under Harold Dean, Local 12 organizer, assisted by Edward Duck. According to Dean, a large majority of the workers have been signed up by Local 12 and will welcome the chance to elect their bargaining representative.

Average time required for a hearing is one day and a report directing an election usually comes in from three to four weeks following completion of the hearing.

Name Your Shop

Many changes of addresses have been mailed in which neglected to show what shop the subscriber worked in. Please write your name, old address, new address and name of your shop. Unless this is done we cannot make the necessary changes in our mailing list.

Thomas Asks Cooperation Of UAW-CIO Locals

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 7—President R. J. Thomas of the UAW-CIO called upon a tri-state conference of the Auto Workers to back and promote the International Union's program to stabilize prices, wages and economic conditions for the duration of the war in a talk here today before delegates from Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

President Thomas told the conference that it would be easier for the officers of the International to take up the problems of the workers with responsible government heads if the workers would let the officials know that they think conditions are bad.

Like vice-president Walter Reuther, President Thomas paid particular attention to Price Administrator Prentice Brown, head of OPA, and ridiculed his "honor system" whereby grade labeling is not grade labeling but invoice labeling, and gives the retailers an even better opportunity to chisel than they have now.

Accusing the OPA head of evasion and inaccuracies, president Thomas said that the UAW would like to have Brown removed, and Leon Henderson who was removed for being "too tough" returned as OPA head.

There Are no Shortages

"There are no shortages," said the UAW president, "compared with some years ago, when we said that if every family had sufficient food there would be no surplus but a shortage. People are working and buying food they were unable

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R. J. Thomas

Consumers' Committees To Be Formed

Melvin Schultz, president of Local 12, UAW-CIO, announced that the course of action of the Local would be discussed and planned at a meeting of the Local this evening at 8:00 p. m.

Officers and members of the Local lead by president Schultz attended the May 7 regional UAW conference in Columbus, and agreed that united action by all UAW locals would have its effect in forcing OPA action on prices which have spiraled far above the ceilings originally set for them by former OPA head Leon Henderson.

According to president Schultz, Local 12 will cooperate with the request of the International UAW in forming consumers committees to watch prices in the retail stores of Toledo, and will report and ask for prosecution of all those who violate ceiling prices or in any other manner act to defeat the purpose for which the Office of Price Administration was created.

"We believe the International officers have hit upon the one effective plan which will offset the President's wage freezing order," said president Schultz. "We certainly have a better opportunity to get prices rolled back than we do of thawing wages, and that is exactly what we intend doing."

A large attendance is expected at tonight's Local 12 meeting when a full report will be given the members on the Columbus conference.

Murray Raps Anti-Strike Bill, S 796

WASHINGTON — (FP) — The Connally bill (S 796) passed this week in the senate and now pending in the house "is diabolical in intent" and "designed to assure a Roman holiday to all employers who still prefer to destroy labor unions rather than to win the war," CIO Pres. Philip Murray wrote May 8 to all members of the house.

"There must be an end to this war against labor in order that the effort of the entire nation can be mobilized in a war to destroy Hitler and our Axis enemies," he said, urging the house to hold public hearings on the bill and allow organized labor representatives to testify.

Murray asserted that the CIO "has been conscientiously observing the no-strike pledge given to the President," and that while the CIO has many grievances it "shall seek their equitable adjustment through the War Labor Board, thus assuring continuity of production."

The Connally bill would make WLB decisions "subject to court review whenever any employer decids to appeal to a court," Murray pointed out.

Thus, while labor will observe its no-strike pledge, employers who seek to destroy the union will refuse to comply with the decision of the Board, refrain from entering into a collective bargaining agreement with the union, continue to discriminate against the membership and leaders of the union, while using every technicality for obtaining delay in the judicial proceeding."

Area Conference

Don't fail to read about the UAW regional War Policy conference held in Columbus last week, as well as the International UAW statement of its program an Page 3. Keep yourself informed of what your Union is doing for you and the nation.

Delegates Vote To Take Stand on Price Control

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 7—A program of economic retreat and appeasement which has marked Labor's conduct for the past year, must be replaced by a definite stand and a fight for economic stabilization was the conclusion resulting from a UW-CIO regional conference held here today.

Walter Reuther, International UAW vice-president, addressing the 365 delegates of 66 Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania Locals, covered the national situation as it concerns Labor, and said that the program of appeaseemnt and retreat which Labor has been following for the past year is "losing the fight on the home front."

Walter Reuther

LABOR SUBMITS TO ORDERS

"The only executive orders that are carried out," said Reuther, "are those that effect labor." He pointed out that 48 hours after the President's latest executive order freezing wages and inequalities, Chester Davis raised the price of corn five cents.

"It's easy to freeze wages" continued Reuther, "but when we went to Mr. Brown of the OPA and asked him to freeze the price of beef on the hoof, we were told that was too difficult. You can't give a nickle to a man on a machine, because that would cause inflation; but you can give a corporation with a million dollar profit, two millions dollars profits and that doesn't cause inflation."

Reuther was particularly scornful of Prentice Brown, Director of the Office of Price Administration. "Mr. Brown is a nice enough fellow personally," said Reuther, "He's a good man in office and was a fairly good Senator; but I'll leave it to you what you think about his grade labeling proposal."

Grade Labeling Gets Laugh

Reuther then went on to tell of one of Brown's assistants who is head of the largest advertising firms in Detroit which handles the

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Sickness Is Cause of Absences

WASHINGTON — (FP) — The War Production Board has prepared an illustrated guidebook on absenteeism for its 2,000 labor management production drive committees. It was issued by the Office of Wac Information.

Illness and accidents come first among causes of absenteeism listed. Second cause is fatigue, monotony, tension due to high-speed machines, heat, as in steel mills and copper mines, and other conditions of work.

Here is a study of absenteeism which does not overlook the difficulties women face in the absence of proper day-long nursery schools —although the pamphlet does not mention the need of the schools.

"When a woman works in a factory or mill she is usually doing two jobs, one at home and one at the plant," it says. "Cooking, laundry, mending, care of sick or young children, buying food and clothing crowd in on her so that at intervals she takes a day off to catch up."

Bender Supports Anti-Poll Tax Bill

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Intensive buttonholing of congressmen was slated for May 6 in an effort to obtain the last 10 signatures necesasry before HR 7, the bill to outlaw the poll tax, was forced out of committee.

Thad F. Wasielewski (D., Wis.) as late as May 5 had not signed the bill, despite the support he has had from organized labor. Late signatures from industrial areas included those of Ed V. Izak (D., Cal.) and Louis C. Rabaut (D., Mich.), it was learned.

Credit for obtaining a large part of the Republican signatures to the petition is attributed to Rep. George Bender (R., O.). Except for the bill's author, Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP, N. Y.), he is said to have done more day-to-day work in winning support for it than any of the bill's eight sponsors.

Unions Take Part In Toledo Peace Forum

Toledo labor, CIO and AFL took part in the first meetings of the Toledo Peace Forum held May 8 at The University of Toledo.

Labor's panel was sent into a rather remote and difficult to reach section of the basement with about 35 people present to listen to the discussions.

Robert Burkart, UAW international representative, expressed the opinion that all subjects covered in the forum were of such nature as to be of interest to labor, management, the clergy and the public, and the audience agreed that it would like to see future meetings of this type rather than isolated discussions.

Thomas Burke, Local 12 vice-president, stressed the importance of not only maintaining labor's gains at the present time, but in putting into practice a complete social security program.

Also representing Local 12, UAW-CIO, was Edward Duck, educational director, who stated that the government provides tri-partite councils to work for the common good, and expressed the hope that the peace panels would work out more successfully than the War Labor Board panels had.

Walter Gunthrup, former editor of the AFL Union Leader, made a strong plea for labor unity, saying that by unity labor would be able to accomplish more and win its points.

Earl Catton, general secretary of the Central Labor Union, and Frank Barrie represented the AFL. Mr. Barrie advanced a seven-point program for the post-war period along the lines of social security.

All labor representatives agreed that future meetings should be a general discussion of the post-war period rather than isolating groups or not giving groups representation at panels which are of vital concern to them.

Connally Anti-Strike Bill Passes Senate

Joins Hobbs Bill As Threat To Labor

WASHINGTON—Quick to strike a blow at labor while national attention still was centered on the coal mines, the reactionaries in the senate May 5 rushed through by a 63 to 16 vote the dangerous Connally antistrike bill first introduced in 1941.

From time to time the bill has been revived as a threat to labor, but has been prevented from passage by administration and prolabor forces. It now takes a place by the Hobbs socalled antiracketeering bill (HR 653) as a measure calling for concerted opposition by labor and liberal forces.

Terms of Bill

The Connally bill, S 796, would confirm The President's war power to seize mines or plants whose operation was interrupted by a strike "or other labor disturbance," by amending the selective service act of 1940.

It would freeze terms of employment at pre-strike conditions and return plants to owners whenever the President decided they could operate them "in a manner consistent with national defense."

Most dangerous part of the bill is the Connally amendment making it unlawful to aid in any lockout, strike, slowdown or other interruption, to provide any funds for the conduct of a strike, or any strike benefits.

Under this provision any striker, anyone who contributed to a strike fund or anyone who had almost any remote connection with it could be fined up to $5,000, imprisoned for not more than a year, or both.

In vain Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D.-N. Y.) argued with Taft that man hours lost through strikes averaged 1-600th of 1%. Taft replied in his best Donald Duck manner, reminiscent of Rep. Sam Hobbs (D.-Ala.), author of the Hobbs bill:

Pepper Votes for Bill

Despite Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley's opposition to the Connally bill the previous day, he wound up voting for it, as did far more stalwart administration and prolabor men, among them Sen. Claude Pepper (D.-Fla.).

Leading the fight against the bill was the defeatist Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D.-MONT.) who pointed to his record as a friend of labor. Notably absent in the fight against the bill were the usual win-the-war senators, despite telegrams sent to all members by CIO president Philip Murray urging a vote against the bill.

Vice president Richard T. Frankensteen of the United Auto Workers had called on Connally to withdraw the bill, pointing out it would be "used by certain elements to spread discontent within the ranks of labor."

A Fable by Chester Davis

WASHINGTON (FP)—A committee from the United Auto Workers (CIO), the first labor delegation Food Boss Chester Davis has consented to see, was puzzled by his explanation of the nickel hike to corn he ordered before the ink was dry on the President's "hold the line" order.

Federated Press obtained an interpretation of his explanation May 4 from a government economist with a big job in another agency.

It seems that Davis did it just to make hogs cheaper to the consumer. He reasoned: Farmers were holding onto their hogs and feeding them corn at $1 in order to get $1.50 for the corn in terms of hog. The corn belt was lousy with hogs and corn was getting scarce, so much so that there's a first-class chance there won't be enough corn for poultry and dairy feeding.

By raising it a nickel he encouraged the sale of hogs to market, and less growing of hogs, thereby releasing some corn outside the hogs' avaricious bellies for dairy production.

All of which is correct. Only thing Davis forget to mention was that he could have lowered the price farmers get for live hogs and the same difference in ration between hogs and corn would have been achieved.

Printing Trades Battles Monkey-Wards

CHICAGO—(FP)—A great legal battle is shaping up here between the anti-union Montgomery Ward Co. and the printing trades unions. Former Justice Floyd E. Thompson of the Illinois supreme court has been retained as counsel for the unions, which are being sued by Ward for $105,200 damages because they refused to handle Ward's printing from the R. R. Donnelley Co. Donnelley has banned union men for nearly 40 years.

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to purchase before. There's as much food as ever, but people are now able to purchase the things they need."

Wages came in for discussion by the UAW president and he said that real wages are below those of January, 1941, because of the increase in commodity prices. He expressed the belief that increased real wages would only be possible when stabilization had been achieved, and he recommended to the conference that it conduct its fight along the lines of rolling back the price levels rather than seeking to increase wages.

Talks on Connally Bill

Telling the conference that the Senate had passed the Connally anti-strike bill and predicting its passage in the House of Representatives within 30 days, President Thomas touched upon the miners' situation. He said that the miners ranked 14th in their wage scale in the groups employed within the heavy goods industry, and referred to their fight to get their wages adjusted.

He speculated upon what would have occured had the mine truce not been called, and the army ordered to take over the mines and said, "If that Union is broken with bayonets, there isn't a Union in the country that couldn't be broken with bayonets."

Praises Roosevelt

Ending his talk, President Thomas discussed President Roosevelt and praised him. He said "the President is doing a wonderful work in the International field and in solving problems of international importance, but he should also give the home problems more of his attention." He called upon the delegates to give their officers their full backing, and assured them that if they did "the President will be in your corner."

Gosser Talks at Meeting

Richard Gosser, Regional Director from Toledo gave the afternoon talk keynoting the sentiment of the large Toledo delegation.

Director Gosser said he hoped that UAW members who were misdirecting some of their efforts would get behind the International UAW program with respect to prices and other points and help make the program a success.

"We cannot compromise any longer," said Director Gosser, "We're in revolt against further price increases." Gosser said that it was up to the delegates to the conference to get their people to organize along the lines called for by the International, to form consumers committees, to police prices and to demand action from the Office of Price Administration."

Ed Hall, International organizer of Cleveland, evoked a lot of applause and laughs from the delegates when he attacked Manpower Commissioner McNutt, saying that the President had put him where he now is and the President could remove him.

Hall said, "Don't look to Congress to do anything about McNutt, because Congress is full of McNutts." Hall called on the International to go straight to the President "because you have the backing of the membership."

Concur in Program

Following the talks of the International officers, there was open discussion by the delegates of the various phases of the program which the speakers had explained. A number of resolutions were passed backing the program, and when the conference was adjourned, a well defined course of action had been charted for the Locals to carry out in the various communities represented.

Immediate steps will be taken by UAW Locals to form consumers committees to investigate and police retail prices in their various communitics, and to fight shoulder to shoulder with the consumers on a common front. Promise of what success awaits concerted action was pointed out during the meeting by word out of Washington that some prices had already been scheduled for a 10 per cent cut, and word that the War Labor Board had asked President Roosevelt for clarification of his recent "hold the line" executive order.

Rollback Supported By WLB

Wants "Hold The Line" Order" Revamped

WASHINGTON — (FP) — The National War Labor Board May 7 unanimously declared its support of administration plans for a rollback in prices as demanded by organized labor and urged revision of President Roosevelt's "hold the line" order to make it workable.

The board is not considering any change in the "Little Steel" formula now, it stressed.

The WLB issued its statement after several closed conferences with Economic Stabilizer James F. Byrnes, during which labor members were reported to have threatened that they would resign unless the board's "judicial" nature was restored.

Order Transforms WLB

The president's executive order 9328 transformed WLB duties into plain hack work which could just as easily be handled by "a mathematician and a bunch of clerks," Byrnes was told at these conferences.

The WLB statement follows:

"On March 22, 1943, a motion was presented to the National War Labor Board to modify the 'Little Steel' formula. The board by majority vote decided to adhere to that formula. The Board has not considered any change in the formula since that time and is not considering it now. The current discussions of Executive Order 9328 have nothing to do with any change in the 'Little Steel' formula for correcting cost-of-living maladjustments.

"The Board is unanimous in its support of the current plans of the Administration to roll back food prices and other prices that critically affect the cost-of-living of the lower income groups.

Has Conferences With Byrnes

"During the past two weeks the Board has had many conferences with the Director of Economic Stabilization looking toward the solution of concrete problems which have arisen as a result of the Board's efforts to administer Executive Order 9328 of April 8. The Board has told the Director that it is unanimous in its conviction that this Executive Order is unworkable without further clarification of points which are either not clearly covered or are not covered at all by the Order.

"The Board unanimously believes that these points can be clarified within the framework of a realistic and effective wage stabilization program which is in full harmony with the Administration's determination to roll back the cost of living."

Invasion Of Europe Near, Davis Says

WASHINGTON—(FP) — There is "no question but that there will be allied operations on Continental Europe this summer," Director Elmer Davis of the Office of War Information said May 6 at a press conference.

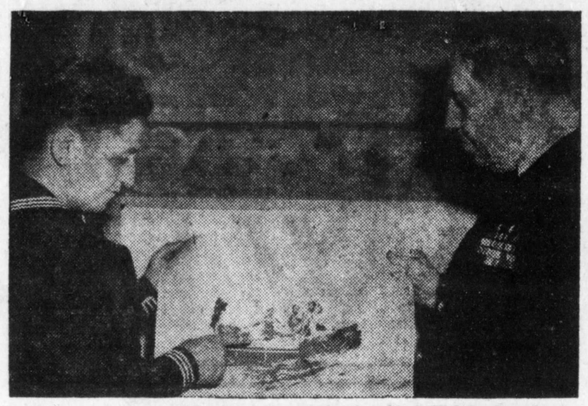
Nor will it be necessary for an invasion of Europe to wait until Allied forces are completely victorious in North Africa, Davis added.

"The Allies may encounter difficulty when they get the Axis knocked down to Bizerte, where the Germans evidently intend to make their final stand," he said.

"In my opinion, it would be possible to go ahead with the invasion plan even though Bizerte remains for a time in Axis hands."

NEW YORK—Corporate profits in 1942 after taxes were 80% higher than the prewar 1939 level, Labor Research Assn. reports in its May Economic Notes. Corporate profits before taxes stood at 19.7 billion in 1942, compared with $14.6 billion in 1941, a rise of 35% in one year.

Survives 83-day Drift On Raft



—Official U. S. Navy photo, released by WPB Labor Press Service.

Basil Dominic Izzi, United States sailor who, with two Dutch companions, survived 83 days on a raft in the South Atlantic after the merchant ship on which he was a member of the gun crew was torpedoed, points to a picture taken of the rescue. Shown with him is Rear Admiral C. H. Woodward, U. S. N. (retired), head of the Navy's Industrial Incentive Division. Izzi, completely recoevred from his ordeal, is making a tour of war plants under the auspices of the Division. Formerly a member of both AFL and CIO Textile Unions, Izzi's home is in South Barre, Mass.

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national advertising for the Heinz Co., one of the country's largest canners. He said this man was opposed to grade labeling and that he was able to work within the structure of the OPA as an official of that office to work against grade labeling.

Prentice Brown was willing to have grade labeling of a sort said Mr. Reuther, but when he explained the method which Mr. Brown would use to achieve this end, it drew a laugh from the delegates.

The Director of OPA instead of labeling cans, according to Mr. Reuther, would have the processor mark the grade on the invoice. This same proceedure would be followed when the wholesaler shipped the goods to the retailer. Then, the retailer would have his shelves marked A, B, C or D to designate the goods. "Do you think that all the honest retailers would put A goods on A shelves?" asked Reuther.

Roll Prices Back

Instead of asking for more increases in their wages to meet the constantly increasing cost of food, Mr. Reuther recommended the action taken by the International UAW, that prices be rolled back to the September 15, 1942 level, and that where this could not be done, that the government subsidize the rollback. He called for a food production program with the little farmer receiving aid to enable him to turn out more food.

Charging that 80 per cent of the retailers are getting prices higher than ceiling, Mr. Reuther said that prices would have to be policed on a neighborhood basis and that chiseling retailers should be prosecuted.

Manpower Problem Discussed

Discussing the manpower situation, Mr. Reuther said that the government must guarantee the workers against layoffs. He said the UAW would go along with the 48 hour week but that there should be a minumum 40 hour guaranteed work week.

In discussing the manpower situation, the speaker spoke of what he termed the "inflation front" and pointed out a large number of aircraft plants which have piled up great increases after all taxes, debts and dividends had been paid. Citing cases, he named the Bell Aircraft — 36.24 per cent increase, Curtiss-Wright — 41.7 per cent; North American — 50.01 per cent; Consolidated — 94.72 per cent, and several others.

He told how the General Motors Co., had put aside 48 million dollars as a contingency fund so that when the war was over and the plants were reconverting for auto mobile production the stock holders could continue to draw their dividends, and said that the workers would ask for the same consideration and an equal sum to insure them a yearly guaranteed income to tide them over periods of unemployment due to changes in models, lack of materials or other factors contributing to unemployment.

Only Labor Can Mobilize Itself

Referring to War Manpower Commission's freezing of labor, Mr. Reuther said, "Nobody can mobilize Labor but Labor itself." Phil Murray couldn't be used to organize the Chamber of Commerce." He said that the UAW wanted the War Manpower Commission reconstituted so that Labor would have more of a voice in it since it concerned the workers so vitally.

Wants Discrimination Eliminated

Mr. Reuther said that the UAW wanted discrimination ended in the manning and replacement schedules compiled by industries for draft boards and that Labor should participate. He accused the management of many industries of discriminating by placing skilled mechanics on the bottom of the list of essential workers, and favorites in the preferred positions. "We don't want special privileges," said Reuther, "but we don't want discrimination either."

In concluding his talk, Mr. Reuther said, "as far as organized labor is concerned, we are not going along with any policy of appeasement. We are not going to retreat any longer. We are going to make a stand." He asked the conference to get behind its leadership in its militant program and assured them that once Washington knows the workers are behind their leaders it will listen and comply with the workers sentiments.

California Employment Increases

SAN FRANCISCO—(FP) — Industrial employment in California in March advanced to a new high, Industrial Relations Director Paul Scharrenberg said. A total of 1,073,000 persons were employed in manufacturing industries in March, 350,000 above the level of 723,000 a year ago, and 18,000 more than in February.

Gosser Cancels Meeting

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resentative Beemer took part was the Lima Locomotive Works organization drive, winning a case involving back pay and seniority at Defiance, aiding in many cases in the Toledo area and servicing many locals in and around Toledo.

Bracy at Troy

International Representative Mike Bracy, who is now in charge of organizing the Waco Aircraft in Troy, Ohio, has been in charge of the Lima Locomotive Works drive, which culminated in an election victory for the UAW-CIO. He also assisted in negotiations at the Square Deal Body Shop and Pilliod Cabinet Co.

Crowley Transferred to Toledo

Election successes marked the work of International Representative James Crowley in Sandusky, where he organized the Farrel Cheek Foundry and substantially aided in winning the plant election for the UAW-CIO, and in Port Clinton, where in the face of determined newspaper and company opposition a great victory was won by a good majority at the Standard Products Co. Representative Crowley negotiated contracts at the Herbrand Forge and Crescent Mfg. Co., Fremont, and at the Seneca Wire Co., Fostoria.

At the present time, Representative Crowley is serving in the Toledo area, servicing Toledo locals.

In summarizing, the work of the international representatives has been varied and quite successful. The election victories won in Lima, Sandusky and Port Clinton were conclusive and were due to the work of the representatives who handled these drives.

Child Care Centers Aid Working Mothers

Establishment of nine day care centers recently by the Board of Education offer excellent facilities for the care of children of working mothers at a very moderate cost. Care is available if necessary from 6:30 a. m. to 8:30 p. m.

The Council of Social Agencies in calling the child day care centers to public attention say that with these centers established there is no longer any excuse for neglecting children whose mothers are working. They ask the cooperation of churches, social agencies, labor unions and employment agencies in calling attention of employed mothers to the child care facilities now available.

Hundreds of children are in need of proper care and supervision at the present time according to the Council of Social Agencies who may now be properly cared for and supervised during the time their mothers are working.

Information relative to the child care centers may be obtained by calling the Toldo Union Journal or the Council of Social Agencies, 406 Toledo Trust Bldg., or Main 8136.

Industrial Profits Increased 80%

Interest Payments Show Substantial Growth

NEW YORK—(FP)—Corporate profits in 1942 after taxes were 80% higher than the prewar 1939 level, Labor Research Association reports in its May Economic Notes.

Corporate profits before taxes stood at $19.7 billion in 1942, compared with 14.6 billion in 1941, a rise of 36% in one year, the LRA also said, basing its figures on Dept. of Commerce reports.

Payments of dividens by corporations, the department found, were about 4% larger last year than in 1939. The fact that dividends were not still higher was due, it explains, to the "increased needs of business for working capital and a policy of buliding up reserves for postwar adjustments and conversions."

It adds: "This small increase in dividends as against the substantial rise of net profits has raised corporate savings to a relatively large figure."

The department's study of the national income in 1942 reveals also that total interest payments last year amounted to about $5.4 billion, an increase of 2.4% over the preceding year and a 5.8% rise over 1939.

"The relatively small rise in interest payments," LRA comments, "was due to the fact that many companies were able to refund their indebtedness at lower rates of interest."

A Securities & Exchange Commission study on the specific profits rolled up by companies in some 59 manufacturing groups, with a combined invested capital of $28.7 billion, found that profits, before payment of income taxes, as a whole amounted to over 20% on invested capital in 1941.

Net profits, after all charges including taxes, came to nearly [illegible] on invested capital in 1941 compared with a little over 8% in 1940, a little under 7% in 1939 and 4% in 1938.

Selective Service

By Charles Ballard,
Chairman, Willys Unit.

The recent release of the War Manpower Commission's "List of Essential Activities" and the list of "non-deferrable" activities has created bewilderment and a storm of protest. It was issued originally as a guide to Selective Service Boards in their selection of draftees and to give priority to essential war employes.

Charles Ballard

What labor objects to is the fact that this scheduling of the order in which workers are to be inducted is left solely to management. There have been incidents in which skilled workers have been inducted into the armed forces because the employers have refused deferment, while within the same plant, workers less skilled and employed on jobs less important to war production, have been granted deferments at the request of the management.

As Walter Reuther stated, labor has argued consistently that, before these Replacements Schedules are submitted to the State Director of Selective Service for his approval, rpresentatives of organized labor, on the factory level, should be given an opportunity to check such lists to determine whether or not they have been prepared impartially without any discrimination, and with the sole objective of meeting the military requirements with the least disruption of war production. He went on to say that neither the War Manpower Commission nor its Selective Service Bureau has recognized the importance of such democratic checks in the preparation of these Replacement Schedules.

This certainly is a just cause for which to fight, because it naturally would give the management the power to ask deferments for their pet stooges who are not involved in war production, although they are employed in this same plant. Labor would not have voice in this matter,, which, of course, is the very thing that Management prefers.

We are entitled to have a say-so in asking for deferments to assure a fair and even break in order not to hinder war production or to get rid of someone the management considers dangerous to the accomplishment of their aims, which usually are for their benefit at labor's expense.

CIO To Seek Legislation

ALBANY, N. Y.—(FP)—Declaring that the Gugino bill, signed recently by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, is a "lockout" of 400,000 low paid workers from the protection and benefits of the state unemployment insurance act, the New York CIO has advised the governor it would seek legislation at the next session amending the bad features of the bill.

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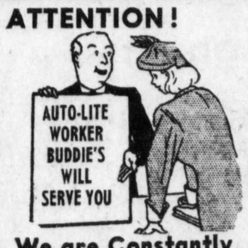

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UNITED LABOR ACTION PAYS DIVIDENDS TO THE NATION

The time has come to stand and fight. There will be no more retreating on the workers economic front.
Your Union, The UAW-CIO, months ago demanded a program which has been approved by regional conferences held all over the country that action must be taken along the economic front.

FOLLOWING IS THE PROGRAM ADOPTED BY THE UAW-CIO

1. To roll back prices of all consumer goods to the September 15, 1942 level.

2. To stabilize wage rates on the basis of equal pay for equal work.

3. Guaranteed full employment or 40 hours weekly pay.

4. To provide an adequate production program.

5. To institute a democratic manpower program.

6. For a co-ordinated economic wartime high command.

Now Is The Time For All Of Us To Stick Together

The UAW-CIO, largest union in the world, 1,000,000 strong, united in the common cause can win through to victory which will benefit the nation by adhering to the program adopted by its leaders.

Some results have already been obtained before our program is even fairly under way.

While the regional UAW conferences were still in session, Prentiss Brown head of the office of Price Administration announced price cuts effective June 1, and the National War Labor Board was asking that the power of eliminating wage inequalities nullified by the executive "hold the line" order be restored to it.

By unity of action the UAW-CIO program can lead to gains which will be of benefit to every consumer in the nation, for what benefits labor benefits the nation.

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Congress Is Angry

News from Washington informs us that Congress is angry because of an administration proposal to subsidize retail food cuts.

Perhaps congress was angry when it passed the Hobbs anti-racketeering bill.

Maybe congress was angry when it repealed the President's executive order limiting net incomes to $25,000 annually.

No doubt congress was angry when it sought to prevent subsidizing the small farmers because of its devotion to the farm block and its efforts to hold up the price structure of food by fostering limited production.

But congress was not angry when the President issued his "hold the line" executive order freezing wages and inequalities.

Nor was congress angry when Manpower Commissioner Paul McNutt froze men to their jobs.

Neither was congress angry when the Office of Price Administration permitted prices to continue to increase after wages had been frozen.

But let the administration seek to give the workers economic justice by rolling back prices, or subsidizing price rollbacks which would cause a hardship in a few isolated cases, and congress is angry with the administration.

Obviously, it makes a great deal of difference to congress who benefits by the actions of the administration, ample proof that this is not the people's congress but the congress of the big interests and one of the greatest obstacles to the morale of the people.

Truly, the one who said that the war could be won or lost in Washington by congress knew more than we realized when we first heard it, for congress seems bent upon destroying every action which would give the workers a decent chance, but goes out of its way to favor those who definitely need no favoritism shown them.

All too clearly we can now see that the real fight of the workers is along the lines indicated by the International UAW executive board. The fight of the workers is to force the roll back of the prices to that of September, 1942, or request the President to remove the unfair order which freezes only wages while permitting commodity prices to roam unchecked up the ladder which leads to a vicious and dangerous inflation for which the workers will pay most dearly.

Peace Forum

Toledo's Peace Forum, one of the first established in the country, met last Saturday in the Doermann Theatre at Toledo University.

Discussions were keynoted by Under Secretary of State Welles who made the revolutionary statement that it wasn't too soon to talk about peace.

Each panel, and there were seven of them, went into a separate room to hold separate meetings. Labor went into the basement in Room 1.

Without entering into the merits of the Peace Forum, it must be obvious that the first meeting was not satisfactory from the standpoint of labor. As an illustration, the labor panel went into the basement where the CIO talked and the AFL listened and then the process was reversed with each agreeing with the other.

While this was going on, a panel on employment versus unemployment in the post war period was being held in another part of the building, not the basement, where Earle Smith, president of the Toledo Porcelain Enamel Co.; Hubert D. Bennett, president of the Toledo Scale Co.; Charles DeBrul, personnel manager of General Motors Corp., and Edward Bodette, manager of the United States Employment Service, discussed the question. Labor was not represented.

Perhaps as more discussions are held, and it is hoped more will be scheduled, the problems of the post war world will be considered as a complete picture, rather than an isolated series of special groups each one seeking to gain all it can while giving lip service to peace.

We do not find any particular fault with this first meeting of the Toledo Peace Forum; but we do believe that in future meetings labor should be given a position which its importance merits, and above all, that it not be placed in some remote section of a building which requires the services of a guide to locate.

Washington Scene

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

ROOTING FOR LABOR

Harry Jones, chief of investigation for OPA, is said to be one of the many old line OPA employes who are quietly rooting for labor as it demands a hard boiled attitude toward enforcement, and price ceilings that are known, and that don't fluctuate like stock market reports.

Virginia Gardner

I didn't embarrass him by asking what he thought about OPA enforcement policies generally, but I gathered he was enthusiastic over the chance to investigate violations of price ceilings in the mining communities, as ordered by the president.

He was planning to stay up all night working on reports from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois and Kentucky when I talked to him (May 4), and was fuming because the teletype had not brought in Alabama's yet. His entire office staff was working on the reports.

"It will be a completely honest report when it leaves our hands," he said.

LABOR PROTEST EFFECTIVE

Maybe he was thinking of the press release issued by OPA on meat prices. Strong and quick protests by organized labor here held up meat prices for the second time, FP revealed last week, when it was shown how prices had been juggled around to average a decrease of 1-10 of 1 per cent over February cost of living figures. It was done by the simple expedient of rolling back only three cuts—the only three counted in the Bureau of Labor Statistics cost of living surveys. Actually the prices offered no average roll back at all.

"Of course, there could be no violation of ceilings at all and still there could be extremely high prices," I offered hesitantly.

"I agree with you completely," said Investigator Jones with enthusiasm. "I—er—hope that will be brought home to the public."

"And Congress?" I asked.

"Our report," Jones went on without alluding to the painful subject of congress, "will not attempt to say how much prices have been raised — unless, of course, our research department might have a good study of certain commodities. The investigation will only be on the degree to which prevailing prices are above legal prices."

HOW CAN THEY?

"Which brings us to a very interesting point," I said. "How on earth are your investigators going to determine what legal prices are in only a few days' investigation?"

"Of course they can't on many items," he said.

"We only have 1,000 investigators on food, all over the United States. That's to cover regulations of packing houses, of 600,000 retail stores, of 200,000 restaurants, as they're coming under control, and all the various wholesale, canning, shipping and other centers for certain items."

So what the investigators are doing is picking certain items, important items in the food bill of the average family—but only those whose ceilings can be "accurately and expeditiously determined."

Servicemens' Letters

Receives 3rd Box

Just received your most welcome box today for the third time, it came at a very opportune time, and I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

That new paper, The Toledo Union Journal, is a very good move on your part and I am proud to belong to such a good organization as we have, and to have worked with the fellows and girls who work so hard to earn the coveted Army and Navy "E."

Thanks again for the gift box and soon we hope for Victory for us all.

I have moved about three times from one barracks to another. May God bless you all.

Your friend,
Pvt. Joseph F. Zientek,
1135th Sch. Sqdn. E. T. 219,
Camp Luna, Las Vegas,
New Mexico.

Roll Back The Prices ... By Coller

Its News To Me

By O. J. Pecord

STILL AT IT

No doubt there are a good many of my Union brethren out there looking at this article, who, when they have read the next few lines will say, "What! Do we have to go into that again?"

Some of you have already guessed what this article is going to try to say, because it is the one topic that even I get sick of hearing about much less writing about; but it's a condition and there isn't any use in either of us sticking our heads in the sand and pretending it doesn't exist.

O. J. Pecord

ANTILABOR LEGISLATION

Word has reached us that the liberal Ohio State legislature has passed the law, as an emergency measure at that, presumably because the industries can't wait any longer, "liberalizing" the hours and working conditions of women and children in industry. Swell isn't it—for the employers; but not so good for the women and children.

This paragon of legislative brilliance was passed after labor, women's clubs and many organizations went to bat against it, proof that a majority of the legislature in their hearts echo the sentiments of one of the Robber Barons of years ago who said, "the public be damned."

In former articles, it was my practice to say to all you people out there, "See what happens when the workers don't vote;" but I won't say that now because you must be tired of reading and hearing about it, and besides, you are just as disgusted with all the anti-labor legislation of anyone who sits at portable typewriter and pin pricks you with a few special adjectives which are supposed to make you remorseful.

NEXT

Next on the legislative order of business is the French bill to "regulate" unions in Ohio.

If the legislature could pass a bill with so much popular sentiment opposed to it as the bill eliminating many of the protective measures for women and children, you can bet your small change that it won't give House Bill 193 the cold shoulder.

Nor will Congress refuse to pass the Connally bill outlawing strikes, in fact, many of the more reactionary congressmen are complaining that the Connally bill is too liberal and want something tougher. Nor are they without help, for none other than our dear old friend Westbrook Pegler is pointing out that the Connally bill adds nothing to the President's power, and is out for a REAL anti-strike bill.

SICK OF IT

As a result of the wave of anti-union sentiment engendered by the labor haters in and out of congress, the workers are sick of it all, moreover, they are tired of having people who write columns tell them that it's all because they failed to vote last fall.

One of the good brothers took me aside last week and said, "Listen, pal, I don't want to tell you what to do, but don't you think you're entirely too political. Don't you think you should lay off the politics and quit reminding our people of that mistake they made last fall? I think you should write a history of the CIO or something, and nix on the politics."

Maybe the fellow is right. Perhaps this column is too concerned with trying to understand the political moves of the enemies of labor. No doubt the workers get a little weary of being reminded of the people they put in office by refraining from voting. Maybe we ought to quit even thinking about politics.

But supposing we did skip the politics, isn't that exactly what some of the anti-labor legislation is trying to force upon us? Isn't it true that some of the various pieces of anti-labor legislation prohibit labor unions from giving financial aid to any political parties or contributing to campaigns?

Of course, the National Association of Manufacturers isn't interested in politics. It doesn't give any money to political campaigns or to any political parties, and it doesn't use political action to gain its end. Or does it?

NO POLITICS

When we boil the entire situation down, it is perfectly foolish to take a position that Unions should shun politics, that they should not discuss the political situation or should be prevented from donating to political campaigns if they have the desire to do so.

Those taking such a position are playing into the hands of the people who would like to make it impossible for labor organizations as such to take part in politics. Such people betray an abysmal ignorance which would not be noticed if they had the wisdom to remain silent.

So far as labor is concerned, Labor is in politics because it must be there, because it is forced to take part in the political battle which is constantly going on. Those who belong in the ranks of labor and think the workers should remain politically inert have but one or two alternatives, either they should seek to attain that which is known as Nirvana, or loss of all personal consciousness, or to retire to some hermitage and pretend that the world doesn't exist.

It's A Great System!

By JOHN PAINE

The reason the Russian people fight the Nazis so well, a correspondent of ours suggests, is that it is the only nation where there is no fear of bolshevism.

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WHAT IF SHE HAD OFFERED SILK STOCKINGS?

A woman ran an advertisement in a New York newspaper for a maid.

One condition of employment was that she could wear the mistress' mink coat on her day off.

Six hundred women—and quite a few husbands (for their wives) —asked for the job.

One husband pleaded with the woman to give his wife the job, saying that she had always wanted a mink coat and he would never earn enough to give her one.

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In pleading for businessmen to become "Sentinels for Free Enterprise" to combat zealots of reform causes, the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers warns its members that "there are things beyond what money will buy."

That must be pretty hard to swallow for a bunch of guys who have been arguing for generations that the profit motive is the most compelling in the world.

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LITTLE LUTHER

"Why should it be so hard to roll back prices?" Little Luther wanted to know.

"The trouble is," Mr. Dilworth replied between chews on a black market steak, "that it tinkers with the fundamental principles of the free enterprise system."

"Then wages aren't a part of the free enterprise system?"

"Of course they are, my lad. Without private profit and capital, there would be nobody to pay wages."

"If wages and prices are both part of the free enterprise system, then why is it that only wages can be controlled?"

"If wages are not controlled, we will have inflation, my boy."

"What is inflation, anyway?"

"That is when prices get out of control—"

"But, Daddy, you just told me that you can't control prices."

"So I did, my boy. But if you cut down wages, prices will automatically follow."

"But wages already have been placed under strict control and prices are still going up."

"That, my boy, is the only way we can have a free market."

"Tell that to Mom the next time you start bawling her out about the bills from your nice free market."

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Dutch guerrillas, according to the OWI, are still operating in the island of Timor and publish their own newspaper marked "Made in Japan."

We know some daily newspapers in the U. S. that might well be marked "Made in Japan."

What's New

DEAR MR. ROOSEVELT

May 13, 1943.

Dr. Mr. President:

I've just got to tell you this, because I've searched high and low trying to find someone in authority who is genuine interested in the common man, and you're only one left to write to.

Edward Duck

You know, the million members of the UAW-CIO think a lot of you, and as far as many of us are concerned you will be getting our votes in 1944 if you still want want them.

But something is wrong, Mr. Roosevelt. In fact, quite a number of things are wrong these days. No doubt you understand this without my reminding you, but I hope that 30,000 members of Local 12 join me in writing letters for you to show to the reactionaries who are putting pressure on you.

TO BE SPECIFIC

To be specific, Mr. President, we want you to know that we're behind you, and you can tell the Tories in Congress that the UAW-CIO does not intend to take a beating any longer.

To be even more specific, we know that you have it within your power to correct many of the injustices which have been forced upon those who are doing most of the work and all of the sacrificing in the War Effort. More than half a million fighting men are members of the UAW-CIO, and ninety-eight percent of those in the service come from the ranks of labor. On the home front, the UAW-CIO is responsible for the lion's share of actual war production.

We gave up our right to strike, and that started a series of donations, and this series has continued until the present time, but we've reached the point where we ask ourselves, "When is the other side going to sacrifice somethinm?"

LIVING COST TERRIFIC

The cost of living in Toledo is terrific, and the cost of food in particular is criminal.

Some people are doing all right, I'll admit. But what about the men and women at Toledo Industrial Rubber, Lakeside Biscuit, Ayling-Reichert, and Industrial Heat Treat, to name just a few shops, who are asking that voluntary wage adjustments be approved by the War Labor Board? Many of these people are earning from forty-eight to sixty cents per hour, and the managements are willing to allow adjustments, but the WLB says "No."

DON'T WANT "NO"

We don't want that kind of an answer, Mr. President, and we call upon you to use your power to urge that inequalities be adjusted on the basis of equal pay for equal work, because it isn't fair for a worker to be "frozen" to a job which pays from ten to forty cents less than the prevailing rate for the community.

The time for this is NOW, Mr. President! We ask that you correct outrageous prices, allow these non-inflationary adjustments, give the working farmer a decent break, and adopt the UAW-CIO policy submitted to you recently. Remember, Mr. President, you gave us the unions, so don't let your enemies and ours take them away! it takes courage, but we all know you've got it!

Sincerely and respectfully,
EDWARD J. DUCK.

c/c James F. Byrnes,
Stabilization Director.

Editor's Mail

Wants More Circulation

Dear Sir:

Members of Local 12 should be proud of their fine newspaper. I have been around the country and lot but have never seen a young paper come to the front as rapidly as this one.

These are days when organized labor needs a strong press to defend it from the ones who would destroy labor if they could. Papers like your's will help hold off labor's would-be destroyers until labor can once more regain the position which it gave up when the war started.

One thing I think should be done with your paper and that is to circulate it widely. I suggest a circulation drive, because a paper carrying news which is of interest to all the people deserves better distribution in a city the size of Toledo than the 30,000 which you claim.

Fraternally yours,
A. L. Swartz.

Where Is The Kasa Blanca Room?

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Director,
Region 2B UAW-CIO

OUR PROBLEMS

Our problems which face us and need solution are many; but most important at this time are the War Labor Board, War Manpower Commission and the Office of Price Administration.

Richard Gosser

I have just returned from a meeting of the International UAW executive board in Washington where we discussed these problems and made an effort to correct them.

PRICE STRUCTURE

It is my belief, along with the other members of the executive board, that prices must be rolled back to the September 15, 1942 level. In the event the government fails to accomplish this necessary step, the only alternative we have is to ask that the Little Steel formula be junked, and the workers wages be advanced to meet the increased costs of food.

We recognize that the inflationary process has been allowed to get a good start and that it must not only be checked, but repulsed. We who work for a living also recognize that it is the workers who will suffer the most should the inflationary trend continue unchecked; for those who now have money will still be able to manage.

WAGES AND INFLATION

Seeking higher wages is not the answer to the failure of the Office of Price Administration to hold the price ceilings down, in fact, higher wages is an open invitation to increase the inflationary trend, for the employer who is forced to pay the higher wages adds it to his price and passes it on to the consumer. Hence, the spiral continues upward and is difficult to control once it has a good start.

For this reason, it is my belief that we are not attacking our problem at the proper place when we seek increased wages; but are hitting it properly when we seek to hold prices down, or, as the International UAW is trying to accomplish, actually cut prices to the September 1942 level.

Many of us confuse total wages with real wages, that is, the amount of commodities and services which our dollars will purchase for us. Under inflation, we have more money but it buys us less commodities than when prices were low and wages were less. Real wages means the actual amount of commodities our money will buy. Personally, I believe we are thinking properly when, instead of fighting for more money, we fight to stabilize prices and wages and then seek to remedy inequalities which exist once stabilization has been accomplished.

YOU CAN HELP

Since this is your fight, you can help the International officers in their efforts by writing letters to James Byrnes, Director of Economic Stabilization, President Roosevelt and the Office of Price Administration. Tell them it is your desire that the prices be rolled back to the Sept. 15, 1942 level, because the price structure has surpassed the bounds of the Little Steel 15 percent formula, and the President's freezing order prevents economic justice from being done the workers.

Inflation can and must be stopped and it is up to the workers as well as their leadership to demand it.

Our Democratic Union

By MELVIN SCHULTZ,
President Local 12, UAW-CIO

THE STEWARD SYSTEM

No better illustration of the devotion of the UAW-CIO to the democratic nature of its organization can be found than the steward system whereby contact is maintained between the officers and rank and file members of the Union.

Melvin Schultz

Elected democratically by his fellow workers, the shop steward is a liason or contact man with the shop executive committee, and through the executive committee with the officers of the Local.

Because of the nature of their duties, shop stewards can become a very important factor in the success or failure of the Union. It is therefore necessary that the rank and file workers elect their best people to this important office, and equally important for the steward once chosen to acquaint himself with the nature of his duties in order to do the best possible work for his fellow workers.

STEWARDS DUTIES

Stewards duties are many and varied, and because of the large number of problems which they meet with in the course of their day's work, it is to their own and their fellow workers interest that they keep themselves informed about the various things which they are constantly being called upon to deal with.

Perhaps one of the best ways for stewards to educate themselves into becoming efficient and satisfactory servants of their men, and they should regard themselves in this light, is to faithfully attend their organization meetings, as well as their shop steward and Local 12 stewards meetings.

In the free discussion of the problems of their fellow workers, they will be able to keep themselves informed of the problems which their fellow stewards meet with, and the various solutions to these problems. They will get to know and understand their shop contract and its various interpretations, as well as the constitution of the Union both Local and International.

REQUIRES STUDY

In order to do the best possible job for their men and carry on the duties of their work in a completely democratic manner, stewards must study and try and make themselves highly effective instruments in dealing with the various problems of their various departments.

Only in a democratic Union like ours will you find the shop steward system so well developed, and we are proud that it is our most effective means of maintaining a truly democratic organization.

Weekly Sports Review

By JACK GREEN

THE OLD BALL

Last Saturday the old style baseball went back into play in the major leagues, replacing the new ball which was deader than last year's Nazi hopes. With the new ball in play, batting averages, which have been rationed out sparingly by the pitchers, should be liberalized and the scores should show it.

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Jack Green

THE COUNT REPEATS

As expected, Count Fleet repeated his Kentucky Derby victory last Saturday in the Preakness. He hit the finish line eight lengths ahead of his nearest competitor and won himself a lot of oats in the winning. The Count is easily the outstanding horse of the year, and unless they weigh him too heavily for handicaps should go on to more victories.

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BAD FOR BASEBALL

The cold rainy weather has been bad for the Association baseball season. Our Mud Hens have been particularly hard hit by cancelled games. It will take about 30 days of good warm weather before we can really judge what our Hens are going to be able to do because the short spring training and cold wet weather have prevented them from getting into as good condition as would have been possible had they had a longer training season.

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TITLE BOUT

Beau Jack will get the thanks of the fight world if he comes through in his bout with Bob Montgomery. From our corner, it looks like Beau will win easily when the bout takes place at Madison Square Garden the latter part of this month.

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NO INDISPENABLES

Baseball seems to be going along okay without Joe DiMaggio, Hank Greenberg, Johnny Beazely, Ted Lyons and a lot of the other big names of the sport who are now in the armed services, proof that no one is indispensable even in a sport as highly specialized as baseball.

When Hank Greenberg went into the Army, the sports writers seemed to believe that baseball had suffered a terrific loss, and no doubt it did; but the old game seems to keep right on going, and when the weather gets better, there will probably be bigger and better crowds than ever before.

Dayton Newspaper Criticizes Rickenbacker

DAYTON—(FP)—Union workers could hardly believe their eyes, but were glad to do so, when they read an editorial in the rock-ribed Republican Journal-Herald taking Edward V. Rickenbacker, Eastern Airlines president, to task for his recent outbursts.

" . . . When Rickenbacker," the editorial says, "undertakes to add a 'fifth freedom' to the Atlantic charter, he reveals the real purpose of his crusade. 'When men are told when they shall work and when they shall strike—when they are told how long they shall work and how much they shall produce—when ability, industry, iniative and private enterprise are measured solely by a union scale then freedom of opportuity has been destroyed and men have become little more than slaves to their own selfish leaders,' he charges. Whereupon, he proposes to turn back the clock, curb the free institutions of free men and re-establish industrial feudalism under the guise of fighting for democracy.

"No, Captain Rickenbacker. There was a time when men were told they must work 12 hours a day, six days a week and how much they must produce to earn a mere pittance. There was a time when the malefactors of great wealth exploited the masses in a way which racketeers can never equal.

"But you can't tell us that the boys from Dayon, the boys from Ohio, the boys from America are fighting on all the battlefieds of global war to make the world free for the exploitation of workers."

Softball Season To Open June 1

Present plans call for opening the Local 12 softball league season June 1, if all shop teams are organized and ready to go according to Lewis Mattox, director of the league.

Shops which have indicated that they will have a team in the League are Willys-Overland, Acklin Stamping, Spicer, Auto-Lite, Champion Spark Plug, DeVilbiss, Toledo Pipe Threading, Toledo Standard Commutator, Mather Spring, possibly Swartzbaugh, American Can and National Supply.

Mattox said that if six more shops will enter teams, another league will be formed making two leagues of eight teams each.

Several shops have shown interest in organizing softball teams for the girls. Those shops interested in organizing a girls' softball league are asked to contact Lewis Mattox at PO. 4463 after 5:30 p. m. daily.

Davies To Visit Moscow Is Report

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON—A second "mission to Moscow" is slated for Joseph E. Davies, former U. S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, it was reported here May 5.

Davies is expected to leave soon for confidential talks with Premier Joseph Stalin, as the personal emissary of President Roosevelt. Although his visit has not yet been officially confirmed, Davies has already had several conferences with Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles.

Conservation News

By O. J. Pecord

Editor's Note: Any Local 12 sportsman interested in conservation, who can write, is asked to contact the managing editor of the Toledo Union Journal.

A good bass crop is expected at the Newtown Hatchery, near Cincinnati, according to Dr. T. H. Langlois, chief of the Fish Management Section of the Ohio Division of Conservation and Natural Resources. He reported that the first small-mouthed bass were observed on the nest on April 26 and by April 29 there were 50 beds.

The water temperature, recorded then, was 68 degrees and due to the fact that spawning took place a bit late this year, damaging freezing possibly will be avoided, which augers well for the hatching of a bumper supply of small-mouthed bass fry.

FISHING IS GOOD

Although bass will be given a brief respite, with both the northern and southern zones closed to black bass fishing, Ohio anglers were having lots of luck with other species, according to Ohio game protectors, who this week are making a check on the best catches made in their counties.

"Most folks don't have a lot of time for fishing trips but they are enjoying brief jaunts after work and on 'off' time for their favorite fishing streams and lakes," said one game protector, who stated that he was following the plan all game protectors have been asked to employ this summer—advising folk where they are biting and the baits that are bringing the best luck, in order to aid the war worker, the busy farmer and all others who seek a few hours' relaxation at the most relaxing sport in the world.

THIS AND THAT

"I understand that this is the closed season for black bass. Does that apply to Lake Erie?" queries an Ohio angler . . . No, the season in the Lake Erie district is different . . . there the closed black bass season does not start until May 25 and opens again on July 1 . . . and frog and turtle hunters are a bit confused in some areas . . . frogs, in all waters, and turtles in streams may not be taken in the northern zone established for black bass fishing on the same dates as black bass . . . May 1 to June 15 and in the southern zone, the season closed April 15 and will open again on black bass, frogs and turtles on June 1 . . . Rube Miller, of Waverly, recently landed a 42-inch Muskellunge weighing 16 pounds in Lake White . . . Foremen at the Ohio Division of Conservation inland lakes report that warmer weather has brought out lots of visitors . . . Francis Arnold hooked a 30-inch pike, while fishing for bass in the Ottawa River near Lafayette, Allen County, several days ago . . . At the Wolf Creek Sportsmen's Association fish fry the other evening at Toledo a fine report was given on many activities of the club . . . in addition to cooperating with farm youth in raising pheasants, successful efforts have been made in getting the farmers to preserve eggs, for hatching under hens, where pheasants are accidentally killed on the nest through farming operations . . . the reports of club activities, indicating what is done with fees obtained from license sales, show that Ohio clubs do much for conservation and many realize that there are many ways they can spend their money besides dumping it all in game and fish for distribution . . . they now see the need for providing proper habitat first.

At Loew's Valentine

Mickey Rooney, starring in what critics say is his greatest role in Saroyan's "The Human Comedy."

Sport Quiz

By "RED" BIALECKI

A certain guy from the Auto-Lite (dept. 46) told me some of my questions were too—hard and old. I wonder if this guy would know all the answers to the $64 questions. If he does, he's losing money. Next week, I will accomodate Harry with some easy questions on tiddle-de-winks or something, maybe he'll know all the answers. Anyhow try to answer these:

1. What is Connie Mack's real name?
2. How many All-Star games have been played between the National and American Leagues and how many were won by each league?
3. Who were the first two managers in the All-Star games? The last two?
4. Name the player who batted over .400 in one season yet failed to win the batting title?
5. Name the man still active in baseball who was the first to enlist in the first World War.
6. What are the names of the tracks where the Kentucky Derby and Preakness races are held?
7. Who was it that offered to beat Joe Lewis if Joe would smoke two packs of cigarettes daily for six months?
8. Identify the Seahawks, the Skycrackers, the Cloudbusters?
9. Who plays 3rd base for the following teams: Yenkees, Browns, Gians and Mud Hens?
10. What big annual sporting event which takes place on Decoration Day will be discontinued this year?

Answers in Column 8.

MINERS BACK TO WORK

WASHINGTON—A half million bituminous coal miners were back at work after a brief stoppage was ended by a 15-day truce between the government and the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated). Hearings on the miners' wage case before the Natl. War Labor Board were not attended by UMW representatives.

2nd Co-Op Store Will Open Soon

Second store of the Toledo Consumers Union, 2456 Detroit Ave., will soon become a reality. Members of the cooperative are working like beavers, cleaning, painting, arranging shelves and fixtures and getting the place ready for business as a self-serve retail outlet.

Tentative date for the opening of the new store has been set for June 1; but special announcement will be made of the exact date as soon as this can be determined.

Located in the Willys-Overland-Chevrolet district, it is expected that the co-operative store will be as successful as the Adams St. store has been. Many of the workers in these shops already belong to co-operatives in the form of Federal Credit Unions and are aware of the benefits which can be derived from the cooperative system.

Michigan Pike Season Opens

LANSING, May 10—In just a week the fellows who like to do their fishing from a boat and with a casting rod will have their first angling of 1943, as Michigan's 200 pike lakes—most of them big lakes and including nine of the state's 10 biggest—open for use Saturday, May 15.

All fish in the pike lakes then will be fair game except black bass, bluegills and sunfish, which remain protected until all other lakes are opened to fishing June 25.

The conservation department reports that regulations concerning pike lake fishing continue unchanged. Anglers will need nothing new but a 1943 license.

CONGRATULATE WARNERS

NEW YORK—The Warner Bros. movie, "Mission to Moscow," was shown to union officials at a special preview and out of this came a telegram of congratulations to Warners and former Ambassador Joseph E. Davies.

Movie Hailed By Unions

By JOHN DUNN

NEW YORK — (FP) — Warner Bros. made news and some controversy when it opened Mission to Moscow, the first movie ever made in Hollywood that attempts to tell the American people something about the Soviet Union.

A special preview was given for labor union officials, and out of this came a telegram of congratulation to Warners and former Ambassador Joseph E. Davies, author of the book from which the picture was made.

"This documented story," the telegram said, "of the past seven years clarifies issues and events which the enemies of progress have too long sucesseded in confusing and distorting . . . Mission to Moscow tells the truth about the Soviet Union.

Among the signers of the telegram were Pres. Joseph Curran of the Natl. Maritime Union (CIO) and Sec.-Treas. Jacob Potofsky of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO).

Critics Praise Picture

The picture was praised by the critics of the Times, Herald Tribune, PM and even the Scripps-Howard World-Telegram and Hearst's Mirror. It was attacked by Hearst's Journal-American and the reactionary Sun.

The theater was picketed on the first day of its showing by a group from the Socialist Workers party. The pickets withdrew after making no appreciable dent in the attendance.

The picture is unique for Hollywood, which in the last 25 years has made few pictures about the Soviet Union and those few were always unfavorable, generally based on the Hearst press' conception of Russia.

The first hand observations of Davies during his ambassadorship from 1936 to 1938 in Moscow are the basis for the movie. It is undoubtedly a major contribution to international unity, and the major movie critics agree—exciting entertainment.

Pennsylvania Labor Forces Anti-Union Bill Back Into Committee

HARRISBURG, Pa.—(FP)—Organized labor in Pennsylvania won the first round in the battle over an anti-labor bill in the legislature when the bill was sent back to committee for reconsideration.

This victory was the result of thousands of telegrams and letters sent by union men and women to their senators and by visits of large delegations of AFL, CIO and railroad union members to the capital.

Sudden Peace Worries Movie Producers

By Ted Taylor

By Federated Press

HOLLYWOOD—Movie producers are fidgeting a little. What if the war should end suddenly and catch them with millions sunk in war films? Some are estimating how long the war will last and revising schedules accordingly.

Warner Bros. will give the war about 10 months longer, a trade paper indicates. In other words, Warners will make war pictures for eight months more, and then go in for gaiety and romance.

This studio has "Casablanca," "Air Force," "Edge of Darkness" and "Mission to Moscow" already out. Then comes "Action in the North Atlantic," "This Is the Army," "Watch on the Rhine," "Background to Danger," "The Desert Song" and Battle Cry. (If the continuity wasn't a little cockeyed, the titles would make a story synopsis in themselves.)

Switch to Lighter Vein

As by then Warners figures either the war will be ending, or the real casualty lists starting, the public will be entitled to a lighter tone. The studio will therefore switch to "The Constant Nymph," "Old Acquaintance," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Thank Your Lucky Stars," "Adventures of Mark Twain," and such.

Paramount is of like mind. Its execs feel they have pretty well done their bit with films clarifying the Four Freedoms, the aims of democracy, and the dramas of the fighting forces. Explanation, please! Which film clarified which freedom? Oh, never mind.

It's true, of course, that Wake Island was a rousing battle film. And Paramount gave the production front a touch of glamour in "Star Spangled Rhythm," which showed cuties in overalls coaxing male aircraft workers to knock off for a jitterbug chorus number. The public that knows its Pegler and Rickenbacker will understand, of course, that this is just meant in fun.

Has Serious Stuff

Naturally, Paramount has serious stuff in the works, such as "For Whom the Bell Tolls," and "The Story of Dr. Wassell." But the studio bosses want to assure you that one year from now their war themes will be tapered off to 25% of present proportion.

First cancellation under this policy is a film about American anti-tank destroyers that was to be called "Seek! Strike! Destroy!"

"Girls' Town" is still on Para's schedule. It's a comedy about women war workers. MGM has one ready with a similar slant in "Skingshift Maisie."

However, the production front will be given soberer attention in 20th Century-Fox's "Tank Town," Warners' "Night Shift" and an RKO production with a Pennsylvania locale.

GRATITUDE. As Paramount has the real baby Marine, Melvin Francis, tied up for the Dr. Wassell saga, 20th-Fox picked a 16-year-old office boy to play this part in "Guadalcanal Diary." The kid promptly demanded $250 a week for the part. The studio was quite disappointed at his attitude. However, he gets his 1250% raise.

DIFFERENTIAL. In case you ever wonder whether legs or laughs pay better in Hollywood, Universay paid Abbott and Costello $588,423 last year, and Marlene Dietrich $200,000.

SHOE - ON - OTHER-FOOT NOTE. You know Congressman Costello (no relation) as one who hollers about draft dodgers in government jobs, but he remembers his constituents, too. The Gentleman from Hollywood is reported working somewhat more quietly on a campaign to defer some important movie actors.

INCIDENTAL. RKO is in the current Soviet cycle with "This Is Russia." Its producer promises it will be an emotion drama, with the Nazi invasion kept "strictly incidental."

OPA Orders Bread Price Increase

WASHINGTON — (FP) — The Office of Price Administration has authorized a cent a loaf increase in bread prices in all of Utah, and in Fargo, N. D., and Moorehood, Minn.

The OPA pierced the President's "hold the line" order at the request of bakery owners in those areas who complained that they were operating at a loss. The action will undoubtedly encourage other food processoos to press for increases on other commodities.

ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ

1. Cornelius McGilcuddy.
2. All-Star games were started in 1933. Ten games have been played with the Americans winning 7, the National 3.
3. Connie Mack and John McGraw. Joe McCarthy and Leo Durocher.
4. "Shoeless" Joe Jackson batted 408 in 1911. Ty Cobb won with 420.
5. Hank Howdy coach of the Cincinnati Reds.
6. Churchill Downs, Louisville and Pimlico, Baltimore.
7. Gene Tunney.
8. Football teams representing naval preflight schools at Iowa, Georgia and North Carolina.
9. Yankees-Bill Johnson; Browns-Harland Clift; Giants-Gordon; Mud Hens-Schulte.
10. The 500 mile automobile race at Indianapolis.

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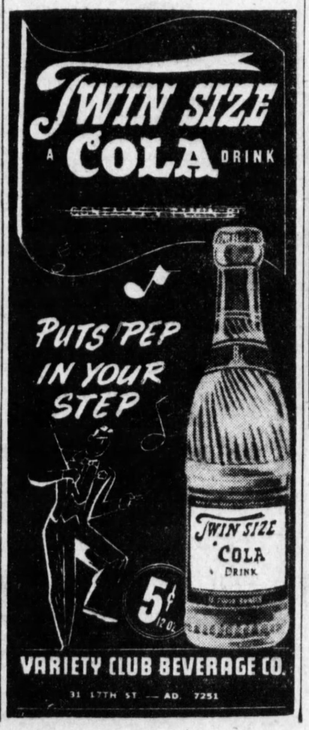

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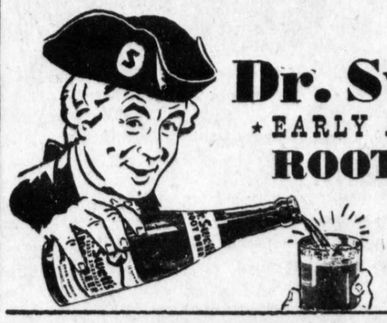

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Strong Pressure From U. S. 2nd Army Forces Axis to Last Tunisia Cover; House Approves 'Pay as You Go' Tax; 43 Nations to Discuss Food Problems

EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.

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Testifying before the Truman defense investigating committee, Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson, right, revealed that a truce had been arranged in his feud with Rubber Administrator William Jeffers. Long at odds over a battle for priorities for equipment for aviation gasoline and synthetic rubber plants, Patterson and Jeffers were brought together by Ferdinand Eberstadt, former WPB official, in a Washington hotel room. They agreed to make a personal inspection of the gasoline and rubber plants, working out arrangements for breaking bottlenecks in either program.

PAY AS YOU GO: *75% Forgiven*

As the shadows lengthened on Capitol Hill, 313 congressmen ended a hectic day of debate by passing the Robertson-Forand pay-as-you go measure, forgiving 75 per cent of the 1942 income taxes and putting all taxpayers on a current basis.

After rejecting the Ruml plan as embodied in the Carlson bill, which would have forgiven all taxes, and voting to recommit the house ways and means committee measure, which would have applied 1941 rates to 1942 incomes, the congressmen acted on the Robertson-Forand proposal.

Under the Robertson-Forand bill, which went to the senate following house action, all taxpayers would be exempted from paying the 6 per cent normal and first surtax of 13 per cent on their 1942 incomes. Those with taxable income over the 13 per cent surtax, however, would have to pay balance of the 1942 tax. In that case, their first two payments this year would be applied against their remaining liability, and if they still had a balance outstanding, they could clean it up in two later payments.

As to 1943 taxes, the Robertson-Forand bill provides for a 20 per cent withholding tax against wages and salaries after exemptions have been estimated. Of this amount, 3 per cent would be taken out for the Victory tax, the tax being reduced from 5 per cent.

TUNISIA: *Yanks Are Coming*

Yielding to strong pressure from the Second American army of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Axis troops fell back to their last stronghold in northern Tunisia, there to await the final assault of the Allied forces. Even as they were being regrouped for the decisive battle, American units pressed forward against their fortified positions in the mountains.

The Axis took up their new positions along the last perimeter of defenses ringing the great naval base of Bizerte, after Yankee infantry had cleaned them out of the strategic hill country to the west.

Advancing under the cover of heavy artillery, American troops braved scathing machine gun and mortar fire to crawl up the scraggly slopes and ferret the enemy from their entrenchments. Then they swept into Mateur, strategic rail and road junction 18 miles south of Bizerte.

In the central sector, the Axis maintained their massed armored columns to stand off the British First army along the level approaches to the gateway of Tunis.

FOOD CONFERENCE: *43 Nations to Meet*

Representatives from 43 nations will meet at Hot Springs, Va., next week for the Allied food conference.

The conference will revolve around American proposals for achieving more efficient production and wider distribution of the world's food.

Plans also will be discussed for restoration of agricultural production in Europe after occupation by Allied forces.

The conference will be wholly exploratory, it was said, with the different representatives laying the conference recommendations before their respective governments for individual adoption.

NAVAL BATTLE: *Convoy Scattered*

Happening upon a Jap convoy northwest of the Aleutian islands, a daring American naval task force closed in for an attack even as strong Japanese units bore down off its flank.

After breaking up the convoy which included three transports headed for Attu and Kiska, the American force, led by Read Adm. C. H. McMorris, then wheeled toward home, and with three destroyers running interference, maneuvered clear of the enemy fleet.

Racing in close to hold off the Jap fleet with torpedo fire, the destroyers threw up smoke screens to cover their withdrawal after the attacks. Checked by the fire, the enemy stood by while the Americans slipped through.

Despite the intense barrage of the heavy Jap cruisers and destroyers which fell within the proximity of the American ships, the U. S. units emerged with no material losses.

RUSSIA: *Nazis Repulsed*

Nazi attacks against Russian lines around Novorosissk were repulsed with losses, the Reds claimed, and all of the enemy's efforts to enlarge its bridgehead in the vicinity were checked.

While ground fighting flared, Russian airmen were active over the Caucasian front, shooting down 54 Nazi planes in swirling dogfights west of Krasnodar.

Minor artillery duels were reported all along the rest of the huge battle-line. The Nazis announced Allied planes again raided East Prussia, one being shot down.

SUBS: *Japs Efficient*

According to Allied spokesmen, Japanese submarine activity in the South Pacific has equaled that of the Germans in the Atlantic.

In both cases, Allied naval leaders said enemy U-boats have sunk about 2 per cent of total shipping.

Using 2 per cent as a basis, the Allies have lost 210,000 tons during the five months of the Tunisian campaign. No actual figures were given for the Pacific theater.

The Japs put out a claim recently that they had sunk a 12,000-ton tanker, a 12,000-ton troopship and an 8,000-ton freighter.

SUPREME COURT: *No Tax on Exangelism*

Reversing its stand of one year ago, the United States Supreme court ruled as invalid all forms of licensing the spreading of the written and spoken word.

Particularly, the court attacked the collection of license fees by four cities from Jehovah's Witnesses for distribution of its religious tracts. Such fees, it said, were a violation of the first constitutional amendment guaranteeing speech freedom.

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National Supply News

By Shorty Stager

AROUND THE SHOP

Ernie Woeller who time keeps in Dept. 85 believes in making 100 per cent profit on his investment. He saved sugar cubes from Buddie's Box Lunch for a long time and now is working hard trying to sell the cubes to Smith's lunch. Hi Marge.

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If J. Gosline runs out of ciggie coupons or stops caddying someone else will get the bearing caps to grease.

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Delbert Bordner, Jr., now soldiering for his Uncle S writes to thank all the boys for their gift and informs us he has slapped an additional 20 lbs. on since joining up.

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Seasonal note to Frosty Richards —You can take your overshoes off now Frosty, Sprig has kub.

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The tall slender former committeeman in Dept. 36 is bragging that from now on he is gonna put his foot down and be king of his home. Oh yeah! Prove it.

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HAVA LAFF

Harold (Ba-aa) Simpkins, night foreman, was gonna save ration points. So he ups and gets a goat. After feeding the Nancy goat for a few days he got so attached to the thing that he didn't have the heart to butcher it. Result. One goat has a nice home with a kind-hearted master.

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Russell Riley has changed from machine operator to material move man since the femmes came into Dept. 85 to file gears.

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Bob Porter, who is now working in 85, says the only thing he misses is the office girl's smiling face. And while on that subject, have you noticed how Harry Tolles has more business than ever in the tool crib since a young lady is working there? Probably just a coincidence.

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OUR MEETINGS

Don't forget our meetings held on the 2nd Thursday and 4th Sunday of each month. Attending your Unit meetings is an exercise in democracy and we ought to appreciate our privilege to speak our minds freely.

NEW YORK—U. S. workers are being offered an opportunity to exchange individual greetings with workers in the Soviet Union by the Natl. Council of American-Soviet Friendship, 232 Madison Ave., New York.

NOTICE

Union Labels Meeting will be held on May 19, 1943, 8:00 P. M. at 425 Winthrop St. Room 211.

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A BIG IMPROVEMENT

A little work and a few improvements, such as chairs and a lounge to sit on, worked wonders for the hospital. No doubt the nurse enjoys her new surroundings. The improvement came as a result of our contract negotiations with R. A. Stranahan. Cooperation on the company's part cannot but help improve the shop relations.

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Those who took in our recent dance pronounced it a success. Those who missed it are regretting not being there. This was the first of a series of entertainments which will be provided from time to time by the entertainment committee.

Proceeds from the dance will be divided among 25 soldiers who were not given a check when they left the plant, and before we forget it, the committee wants to express its appreciation to all those who helped make the affair a success.

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PAT ON THE BACK

A pat on the back to Dept. K, which consistently has given generous response to all appeals, both charitable and patriotic. The department went for the Champion dance 100 per cent.

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CLOCKS! CLOCKS!

For months we have been trying to get the company to install enough time clocks to take care of its employes, but each time have come out the door with the same results—Zero.

The lame excuses given before the war sounded more plausible after hostilities began, but finally, we were told that if we could find any place where clocks could be obtained the company would purchase them. This was accomplished by the committee and the news conveyed back to the company. Instead of making good on the promise, the one who had made us the promise blew his top, as he usually does, and handed out more lame excuses.

Finally, it was rumored around the shop that the clocks had been ordered and everybody awaited in anticipation because by that time there were more cards than there were slots in the time racks. But no dice. Again the company that sells the clocks was contacted by the committee and informed that clocks could be obtained on short notice, but up to now—no soap. Obviously, the company either does not give a damn or else is deliberately trying to irritate its employes. What do you think?

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William Adam writes to the people in Depts. A and AA to thank them for the $50 sent him. He says he appreciates the dough and hopes to repay the favor by working harder for victory. Bill is located at Camp Robinson, Ark.

Commutator Comments

Report of the War Policy conference held in Columbus May 7 should be given careful consideration, particularly in view of the fact that it concerns all of us. Freezing of wages, rolling back of prices, child labor, compensation and other anti-union legislation all deserve all the attention we can give them.

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It isn't so long until the next election, hence, this is the time to watch those in office and see how they vote on the various bills which affect our welfare and interests. Our troubles, in the shape of the WLB, WMC and other government agencies, when coupled with the legislation which the anti-union forces are trying to place upon us, are piling up.

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For information relative to vacations which may be taken, see your stewards.

A Federal Credit Union is in process of organization by our Unit. Success of the Credit Unions in many of the other shops lead us to take up the idea. Thelma Bennett and the Welfare Committee will give shop members information on the subject.

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Spicer Unit News

By Winfred Vernier

SPICER REPRESENTED

Frank Rostetter, Frank Gaynor, Scotty Rogers and Win Vernier journeyed to Columbus, Friday, May 7. They attended the Ohio Conference held in Memorial Hall, called together by the UAW to discuss President Roosevelt's recent Executive Order 9328, which freezes labor and wages and purports to freeze prices.

SHOP NEWS

If any department, committee, etc., has news they would like to have printed in this column, please print or type it and drop in the Spicer Unit News mail box in the main aisle near the main lobby of the shop.

Don't forget to sign your name, department number and shift to it.

YOUR DUTY

Write to your state and national legislators, immediately, expressing your opposition to the anti-labor legislation pending before both assemblies.

PUT THIS ON YOUR "MUST READ AT ONCE" LIST

The Labor Spy Racket, by Leo Huberman.

This book is based on the evidence introduced in the hearings before the subcommittee of the committee on education and labor of the U. S. Senate, commonly known as the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee. You will enjoy, without one dull moment, every sentence of the book.

You may obtain or borrow this book without charge from the Local 12 Library.

MANAGER

Robbie Robbins will manage the Spicer softball team. All those wishing a tryout may get in touch with Robbie, who is working on the day shift.

CIO—Canco (I) Opener

By Floyd Modrowski

OUR BAND

Some Tuesday evening, drop into Local 12 headquarters and listen to our band at practice. It sounds swell even when it practices. The band under direction of Carmen Broderick is composed of some of the most accomplished musicians in this locality. The boys and girls really do a masterful job.

Local 12 is one of the few Locals boasting a band of its own and is a credit, not only to the Local but to the entire city.

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OH, DEATH!

"Oh, death, where is thy sweet sing" is the general feeling of the executive shop committee these wet and cold rainy days.

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A PRESENT

Herb Dickinson, the yoo-hooing Casanova of the machine shop was recently presented with a man-sized ping pong paddle by his fellow workers in recognition of his undying determination to defeat Wattaman Roginski at least one game.

With Liugi Vincenzo acting as M. C., and making a stirring presentation speech, Herb, deeply touched, simply hung his head. When called upon for a statement, he could merely murmur, "I am unworthy of so great an honor." Maybe Herb there will come a day.

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Library hours are from 7 to 10 p. m. each Monday and Wednesday. Members of Local 12 are urged to make use of their library, which is growing and contains excellent works of fiction, biography, economics and other material covering a wide scope.

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Willys Seeing Eye

By Claude Hess

HOW COME?

Emil Schnell's galloping messenger boy is taking in a lot of territory when he thinks he's bos.s Maybe they think they are cutting down on their budget when they let a chief clerk rate a supervisor's job, and then again, it may be that the day of retribution is growing nearer.

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ANOTHER BLUNDER

Poor Bill Moore made the mistake of having a lot of girls report for employment immediately at the personnel office, only it happened to be Saturday and also his stenographers had gone home. Bill probably would have given his right arm for a stenographer but it was no go and Bill had to do his stuff unaided.

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HOT DOG

After looking at Art Larking and Sylvester in their new uniforms with the glistening brass buttons and gold braid, it looks like there isn't any A-1 priority on brass after all. Art's cap reads, Chief, W. O. Police, while Sylvester's is, Chief, W. O. Fire Dept. If Sylvester only had a nice red shirt. Now everybody is wondering what kind of a uniform Major Lewandowski is going to spring on us and what letters he will carry on his cap.

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All good Union members vote on election day. If you are old enough to vote and are not registered, why don't you take up a few minutes of your time and go to the Board of Elections, 217 Superior Street, and register.

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THE RIGHT PEOPLE

There is only one way to bring about equality of sacrifice about which we hear so much and see so little, and that is by electing the right people to office. If we did that, Congress would enact laws to aid the workers and not the big shots and money bags of the NAM.

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FOOD PRICES

One good way to lower food prices would be to organize a consumers league and take action on a neighborhood basis to police prices and see that price control is made effective. The 10 per cent reduction in prices is not sufficient. It should be 40 per cent to approach the actual amount your dollar will buy.

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Did you know some of our stewards have gone juvenile. Russell Opdyke has returned to work after a seige of measles and Ed Wandtke has had a case of the mumps.

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WHY?

Why is it that the Labor-Management committee doesn't meet any more? Wasn't it the management which raised all kinds of alibis why we should form one? Now, it's forgotten. Wonder what the company's excuse is now?

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SO SORRY

Due to the fact that the space is limited, it is impossible for me to place all the news in this week's paper. As soon as more space is available, our column will be returned to its former size.

Claude Hess.

P. S. Before I sign off I want to ask what do you brothers and sisters think of the Toledo Union Journal. Is it worth two cents a copy? A great majority of the people think it's well worth that amount and would be willing to subscribe for it? Would you be willing to also subscribe? If so, why not take time to write the editor and tell him so. Do it today, just address the Toledo Union Journal, 425 Winthrop St.

The Acklinite

By Lewis Mattox.

BIG SUCCESS

A big success was scored by the recent war bond drive, with Acklin Unit members purchasing more than $6,000 worth. Clara wants to compliment and the members for the fine support they gave the drive.

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Chester Krzeminski will manage the Acklin team in the Local 12 softball league. Watch bulletin boards for practice time and place. Chet is also getting the names of girls who wish to play softball.

Marie Lawniczak and Ginny Brown have returned to work after being absent due to illness.

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Love in bloom is the theme song of the second shift girls or something, anyhow, romance is in the air and good old May is the time for it.

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Dennis Lower, who works on the millwright gang, is a gentleman farmer on the side. He brings eggs and vegetables in season to the people at the shop, this should make him about the most popular guy in the place this summer and fall.

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Remember what happened last fall when we neglected to register and vote?

We urge every member of Local 12 to get out immediately and register for the next election in order that we may begin to remedy the conditions which have been brought about by our preoccupation with war production.